Non Payment of dues to workers in PSUs

1405. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minsiter of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in a number of public sector undertakings the workers are not being paid their statutory dues even wages in some cases; and

(b) if so, the details of these PSUs and steps taken to ensure the payment of dues to the workers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) M/s Jessop & Co., Burn Standard Co. NTC and NMJC are some of the defaulters. The Ministry of Labour has taken up the matter with the concerned administrative Ministries as well as the Ministry of Finance so that funds are made available in time for payment of statutory dues and salaries and wages to the workers.

The Union Labour Minister has also advised creation of a co-ordination mechanism in the Cabinet Secretariat for regular review and monitoring of the status of payment of statutory dues to the workers of Central PSUs and prompt release of budgetary support wherever necessary.

Pricing and supply of rubber

1406. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kerala produces 90% of the natural rubber produced in the coutnry at present;

(b) whether it is also a fact that recent crash in the rubber prices was due to manipulation by the rubber stockists of the state who blocked the release of rubber stock till Government decided to import rubber; and

(c) if so, what measures Government propose to take to regulate the supply of rubber in the market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) During the year 1994-95, Kerals's share in total production of natural rubber in the country was 93.86%.

(b) and (c) Excess of demand over supply, inadequate inflows of natural rubber into the domestic market in spite of production of 4,71,815 tonnes in 1994-95, fall in import of rubber by the tyre industry against advance licence and a rising trend in international prices of rubber contributed to the rise in domestic prices in early 1995. Keeping in view the existing gap between demand and supply, inventory requirements and the need to ensure availability of rubber at reasonable prices. Government allowed import of natural rubber to the actual users/manufacturers. Since April 1995, there has also been a strong declining trend in international prices of rubber. Since June, 1995 domestic prices of rubber have also shown a declining trend. Government is keeping a close watch on the situation for appropriate action whenever required.

Per capita income in Rajasthan

1407. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether per capita income in Rajasthan has increased or decreased in 1993-94 and 1994-95 as compared to 1992-93;

(b) the estimated per capita income in Rajasthan during the first four months of the current financial year; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the help proposed to be rendered, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION